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Re: Stephen J. Fein

February 8, 2007

Stephen J. Fein
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Dear Mr. Fein:

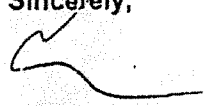
I am writing in reply to your attorney's letter of December 19, 2006, concerning your workers' compensation claim.

Mr. Rollins has inquired about locality pay. He believes that you are entitled to an increase in your compensation benefits because you are a resident of Long Island, New York. Mr. Rollins is referring to locality pay that working federal employees receive on a yearly basis, based on the state they reside in. However, compensation recipients do not receive these increases, nor do they receive the same salary increases as those who are still employed. Under the Federal Employees Compensation Act (FECA), benefit recipients receive the Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases in March of every year.

FECA payments for wage loss benefits are based on your salary at the time you either sustained your work related injury, the date your disability began or the date your disability recurred. As a benefit recipient, you are entitled to receive CPI's every year and not entitled to receive locality pay.

I hope this responds to your inquiry. If we can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Zev C. Sapir
District Director

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